

# **EXHIBIT 5**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

Case No. 5:24-CV-00731-M

JUDGE JEFFERSON GRIFFIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

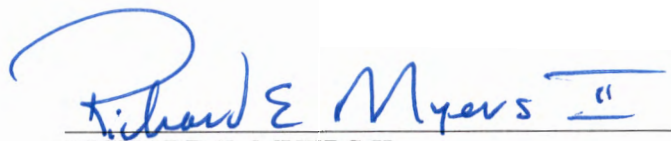
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS,

Defendant.

ORDER

This matter comes before the court on Plaintiff Jefferson Griffin's motions for temporary restraining order [DE 1-5; DE 1-9; DE 1-13]. The court has reviewed the filings in this case and finds that the factual and legal subject matter of this action is substantially identical to that in *Jefferson Griffin v. North Carolina State Board of Elections, et al.*, Case No. 5:24-CV-00724-M. Having concluded in that case that abstention and remand under *Burford* and *Louisiana Power* is warranted, *see* Case No. 5:24-CV-00724-M, DE 50, the court finds that conclusion operates with equal force here. Accordingly, the court sua sponte remands this matter to the Superior Court for Wake County.

SO ORDERED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

  
RICHARD E. MYERS II  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE